

b1 and rear transverse parts 22, 23 of the roof frame and which may be made in the known manner as an electric motor with a driving pinion and compressively-stiff drive cables; see, for example, U.S. Patent No. 4,911,497 which hereby incorporated by reference. The covers 14, 15 are preferably transparent and are especially glass covers.

b2 [0023] In order to move the rear cover 15 into its open position in which it clears the rear section 25 of the roof opening 11, the rear cover 15 is pushed forward out of its obliquely oriented or tilted ventilator position (see Figure 2B) while this oblique position is maintained by the drive 21 (see Figure 2C), the rear edge 19 of the rear cover 15 is moved by side cover guides G along the roof contour while the front edge 17 of the cover is moved forward with an essentially uniform distance relative to the front cover 14. When the rear edge 19 of the rear cover 15 has approached the rear edge 18 of the front cover 14 to a certain distance, the rear edge 19 of rear cover 15 is moved down by the cover guides G in a downward motion which may take place, for example, in steps according to the representation of the arrow 27 (see Figure 2D), so that the rear cover 15 is aligned roughly parallel to the front cover 14. In this parallel alignment, the rear cover 15 may traverse the last section of its path of motion or displacement into its final open position under the front cover 14. This ensures that the rear cover 15, when being opened, remains largely in its upper position which is as close as possible to the roof contour so that its distance relative to a rear seat passenger remains as great as possible and the passenger's head space is restricted as little as possible. Closing motion of the rear cover 15 takes place in the opposite sequence of motions. Raising and lowering of the covers is produced by the swing-in mechanisms S, for example, in the manner known from the above mentioned U.S. Patent No. 4,911,497.

In the Claims:

b3 1. (Twice Amended) A motor vehicle roof comprising:
a fixed roof skin with a roof opening therein; and
front and rear displaceable covers for closing and partially clearing the roof opening;
wherein at least one of the covers is displaceable in a lengthwise direction of the motor vehicle roof into an open position and is swingable out of a closed position into a